



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Serial Number:	Christopher J. Hess	:	Examiner: Thaler, Michael H
Filed:	10/720,911	)	
For:	Vessel Harvesting Retractor with Integral Electrosurgical Clamping Elements	)	Group Art Unit: 3731 Conf. No. 5287 Dated: July 23, 2007 Docket No. ETH1538CO

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Attn: Mail Stop

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 2, 2007 regarding the above identified application.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, from May 2, 2007 to August 2, 2007.

The fee for the extension of time is one thousand twenty dollars (\$1020.00) and is paid as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04 0170.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: July 23, 2007

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on July 23, 2007 by the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail no. EV 756154452 US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: July 23, 2007

J. Gary Mohr